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Camp at Saratoga Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Sir,

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint  
your Excellency with the great Success of the  
Arms of the United States in this Day.  
On the 7<sup>th</sup> Inst the Enemy attacked our Line  
Picket upon the left which drew on a Battle  
about the same Hour of the Day, and near the  
same Spot of Ground, where that of the 19<sup>th</sup> of  
Sept<sup>r</sup> was fought. From 3 OClock in the  
Afternoon until almost Night the Conflict  
was very warm & Bloody, when the Enemy, by  
a precipitate Retreat, determined the Field  
of the Day leaving in our Hands eight Pieces  
of Brass Cannon, the Tents & Baggage of  
their Flying Army, a large Quantity of  
Ammunition, a considerable Number  
wounded and Prisoners, amongst whom  
the following principal Officers - Major Genl. Lee  
who commanded the Artillery, Major Adkens  
who commanded the Corps of Guardsmen,  
Capt. Money who commanded the principal  
and Sir Francis Clark did de Coubert of his  
Excellency Genl. Burgoyne. The Loss upon  
our Side is not more than killed  
and

and wounded. Amongst the latter is the gallant  
Major Genl Arnold, whose Leg was fractured by a  
Musket Ball as he was forcing the Seneoy's Breast-  
work. Too much Praise cannot be given to the  
Corps, commanded by Col<sup>o</sup> Morgan consisting of his  
Left Regiment, and the light Infantry of the  
Brigade Major Dearborn. But it would be  
almost just to say that the whole Body engaged  
deserve the Honour & Applause to such exalted  
Merit. The Night <sup>after</sup> of the Action the Seneoy took  
Post in the strong entrenched Camp upon their Left.  
Genl Lincoln, whose Division was opposite to the  
Seneoy, going in the Afternoon to direct a Cannon  
ade to annoy their Camp, received a Musket Ball  
in his Leg which shattered the Bone. This has  
privid me of the assistance of one of the best of  
Officers as well as Men. His Loss at this Time  
is to much regretted. I am in hopes his  
will be saved.

The 9<sup>th</sup> at Midnight the  
Seneoy quitted their Entrenchments & retired to  
Saratoga. Early in the Morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> I rec'd  
the inclosed Letter from Genl Burgoyne regarding  
giving me that he left his whole Hospital to my  
Protection, in which are 300 wounded Officers & Soldiers.

Brigadier

Brigad<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>t</sup> Trager who commanded the  
flying Army of the enemy was killed the  
7<sup>th</sup> Inst. — at one O'clock in the Morning of  
the 10<sup>th</sup> I received the enclosed Letter from Gen<sup>t</sup>  
Burgoyne with Lady Hanover's Ackland. That  
Morning as soon as the Army could be  
properly put in Motion, I marched in Pursuit  
of the enemy and arrived here in the Evening  
and found the enemy had taken Post on  
the opposite Side of the Park Hill in a  
intended Camp which they occupied upon  
their advancing down the Country. The  
enemy have burnt all the Houses before  
them as they retreated. The extensive  
Buildings and Mills belonging to  
Major Gen<sup>t</sup> Schuyler are also laid in  
Ashes.

This shameful Behavior deserves  
my sending a Dism with the enclosed  
to Gen<sup>t</sup> Burgoyne.

I am affec-

you Excellency that does  
a deep Root in the Royal Army,  
particularly among the Germans who  
come to us in Shoals. I am so much  
puzzled on every Side with Business that  
it is impossible for me to be more

more particular now, but I hope in a few days  
to have Leisure to acquaint you Excellency with  
very Circumstances at present omitted.

I am with great Respect  
your Excellency's  
most obedt Servt

Horatio Gates

Mr Excellency John Hancock Esq:-

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Certified

Copy of Letter from Horatio  
Gates, General in Charge